

Watertown Oct 7th. 1866

My Dr. Sir

Yours of Sept 1<sup>st</sup> duly recd.

The opportunity by Mr. Secord was lost as I understand he has gone without calling as he agreed - therefore they must be sent to Prof. J. I have put up a package of all the Curios of which I have any quantity of duplicates - as I found a friend who told me he should set off early on Monday I had to day taken them out of my bundles in huddle & thrown them into papers (rather confusedly) for want of time - but I think they will come out straight & fair - & when this is by himself without counting & of there is a deficiency of any species you can have more I had not time to put up more to send this time & it makes ... smaller as large as my friend collected in his Trunk with another to Dr. Chapman of Florida The remainder shall be put up in a few days & if not too late shall be left at "Mr. Putnam's" this fall - in the course of the fall or winter I shall likewise put up duplicates of all my plants above the names of which I have any doubt & send to you for comitting In your list of Plants wanted you did not say what you wanted of each - I have collected largely as you know on purpose for you - but it is useless to send more than you want & it certainly cannot be any very great task to write it over adding the no. of specimens wanted of each

Of Roots & Seeds I wish you would make out a list  
wanted - Your former was evidently made and is so  
much hasten that I am sure no one can understand  
it except yourself. I showed it to Dr. K. & we together  
could make nothing out of it. Did you really want  
Roots of the Hippophae? - I wish you would make it  
out immediately for it is now time they were collected  
as out off the first opportunity - will it do to send them  
in a Box by express to N.Y. via S. Harbour? -  
will it be likely to reach you this fall? -

You are already aware of what has been done for  
you this season - What is deficient shall be made  
up next season if they can be found & you should  
still want them - I did not find the S. concolor but  
on looking over my old plants I found a doz. or so.  
I think we shall find a plenty next year - You that "Gossy's  
Vine Orange" is the best thing for me - than that before &  
I chance to obtain a copy with Colored plates  
Can you inform me when the 2d Vol. will be published  
& how many plates it will contain & if they are  
any part of the 1st or colored?

I will put into this letter a few Specimens of what  
Dr. K. calls H. ciliolata of which of which we together  
collected a large quantity about  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the leaf  
It appears to me looks more like the figure of  
H. longifolia - & about  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the specimens could  
have Cilia upon the lower part of the stalk - about the  
joints & some of the lower leaves - seen rather impo-  
-rably with the naked eye but distinctly with the Microscope  
in the recent state - but when dried rather indistinct

I selected those only with the Glass which will  
distinctly show a cilia on a scale for your skins &c - I am sure it  
is the same thing that you always called A longifolia  
Invitation to Dr. Wood that you wanted C. woodii  
he agreed to send it a few - not seen him since  
I am aware that I am a tedious correspondent  
to you who have so little time but when one begins  
can find no stopping, man takes time & is full  
but you must have patience with querulous  
old men - Think myself somewhat prouder  
on this score & trust of old friendship

Respectfully aware am I of my impatience to dabble in  
Botany - but the temptation to collect is so strong  
that it cannot well be resisted & at times it becomes  
a proper passion - I never spent so much time as  
this season - visited P. Lake Biwa this season on  
purpose to collect - "sometimes say to myself  
"How foolish, you will never take time to arrange  
what you have collected, it will be of no use to you  
& your children will never look at your collection."  
But I must end this postscriptum

As ever

Prof. A Gray

J. B. Gracae

Monday 12<sup>th</sup>

Sure writing the above I have found time to put up a few  
plants for you to give me the names - I have some hope that there  
may be one or two new Scirpus - my A. compositus is the same as you marked  
macrophyllum from Bridgewater. Gossy says of Macrophyll. inoviere  
nearly length of disk a cy. scale ciliata But these are much shorter & narrow  
shrublike or rounded with pubescence on the margin - no ciliata scales

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